

ABSTRACT

➤ A method and apparatus providing visual feedback to a computer user while dragging selected text is described. As its first step, the processing logic ✓ creates a text object from the selected text once the computer user has initiated a drag. Simultaneously, the selected text is visually de-emphasized. Secondly, ✓ the processing logic snaps the text object to the cursor so that the text object follows the cursor without obscuring text at the insertion point. Finally, when the ✎ computer user selects the final insertion point, the selected text is visually zoomed from the source location to the final insertion point.